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SUBJECT: SALE OF BUSES FOR GUATEMALA CITY

REF: GUATEMALA 7643

- 1. QUESTION OF OBTAINING GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT (GOG) GUARANTEE FOR SALE OF US-BUILT BUSES TO MUNICIPAL BUS LINES WAS DISCUSSED WITH TRUSTED ASSISTANT OF MINISTER OF FINANCE LAMPORT WHO AGREED TO RAISE MATTER WITH MINISTER.
- 2. ASSISTANT TOLD EMBOFF HE SENT LETTER TO LAMPORT NOTING POSSIBILITY OF MUNICIPAL LINES PROCURING BUSES FROM US AT CONSIDERABLY LOWER PRICE THAN EUROPE, IF GUARANTEE COULD BE BE OBTAINED FROM GOG. HE LATER CALLED LAMPORT AND DURING CONVERSATION RAISED QUESTION OF GUARANTEE. LAMPORT, HE SAID, TOLD HIM IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT HE WOULD NOT AGREE TO GOG GUARANTEE FOR SUCH SALE SINCE IT WOULD OPEN UP GOG TO FUTURE DEMANDS FROM ANY OTHER PRIVATE FIRM IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY THAT WANTED GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE ON ITS PURCHASES.
- 3. COMMENT: LAMPORT'S VIEWS ARE WHAT WE EXPECTED.
 LOCAL TRANSPORT ENGINEERING CO. REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAMSON
 TELLS US THAT SHE IS PURSUING POSSIBILITY OF PRIVATE
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